office for twelve months, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and in case of a vacancy in any of said offices, from whatever cause, the commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power to fill the same by appointment, until the next regular election.

SEC. 15. That all laws and clauses of laws heretofore enacted, coming in conflict with this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 16. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 17th day of March, A. D. 1875.

## CHAPTER CXIV.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS IN OR WITHIN THREE MILES OF THE TOWN OF MURFREESBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF HERTFORD.

Sale of liquor prohibited.

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, That it shall be unlawful for any person to sell or give away spirituous liquors, or in any wise either directly or indirectly, receive compensation for the same in or within three miles of the town of Murfreesboro, in the county of Hertford, and any person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace having jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisonment of not more than one month for each and every offence, at the discretion of the court: Provided, That if the offender or offenders are not brought to trial before some justice of the peace having jurisdiction within six months after the offence, the Superior Court in term time may take jurisdiction of the same and punish-the offender, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with the original jurisdiction of justice of the peace.

SEC. 2. All medical compounds, whether known by bit-